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SUBJECT:NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE AFRICA VISIT

REF: A. STATE 085453(NOTAL);B. NAIROBI3492(NOTAL); C.STATE
086600 (NOTAL)

1. REF A INFORMED COGNIZANT AMEMBASSIES THAT PROPOSED
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NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE(NWC) VISIT TO AFRICA (KENYA, ZAIRE,

NIGERIA) WOULD NECESSARILY HAVE TO BE CANCELLED DUE TO OVERLAPPING OF SECRETARY'S VISIT. REF B REQUESTED THAT NWC TRIP TO KENYA BE RETAINED. REF C INDICATED VISIT WAS BEING RECONSIDERED IN VIEW OF REF B.

2. DECISION TO CANCEL WAS BASED ON BELIEF EMBASSY STAFFS AND COUNTRY OFFICIALS-MIGHT NOT HAVE TIME TO ADEQUATELY PREPARE A MEANINGFUL PROGRAM FOR NWC IN VIEW OF CLOSENESS OF SECRETARY'S VISIT.

3. THE FOLLOWING ITINERARY IS NOW PROPOSED;

ARRIVE	DEPART
NAIROBI 242135(L) APRIL	301600(L) APRIL
KINSHASA 301715(L) APRIL	031615(L) MAY
ACCRA 031935(L) MAY	070930(L) MAY
MONROVIA 071200(L) MAY	080030(L) MAY

4. FOR LAGOS: DECISION TO CANCEL VISIT TO NIGERIA STILL STANDS.

5. FOR NAIROBI: KENYA PORTION OF VISIT IS RETAINED AS SCHEDULED.

6. FOR KINSHASA: PLEASE INFORM DEPARTMENT IF IN YOUR VIEW PROPOSED NWC VISIT WOULD CAUSE UNDUE ADMINISTRATIVE BURDEN AND WHETHER YOU WISH ZAIRE PORTION OF VISIT BE RETAINED OR CANCELLED AS PER REF A.

7. FOR ACCRA: WITH CANCELLATION OF NIGERIAN PORTION OF VISIT, NWC HAS REQUESTED PERMISSION TO VISIT GHANA. PURPOSE OF THE VISIT IS TO COMPLETE STUDY OF KEY ISSUES IN THE FORMULATION AND CONDUCT OF NATIONAL SECURITY POLICY. GROUPS HAVE IN PAST MET WITH TOP CIVILIAN AND MILITARY LEADERSHIP, US MISSION CHIEFS, AND FREQUENTLY WITH HEADS OF STATE, IN ORDER TO RECEIVE AUTHORITATIVE FIRSTHAND IMPRESSIONS OF THE MAJOR POLITICAL, MILITARY, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL, CULTURAL AND OTHER ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH THE COUNTRY AND REGION. ALTHOUGH FIELD STUDY CONCEPT THIS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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YEAR EMPHASIZES A LOWER PROFILE AND MORE INTENSE FOCUS ON PREPARATION OF "ISSUE" PAPERS, NWC HOPES SIMILAR TOP-LEVEL MEETINGS WILL REMAIN APPROPRIATE AND OF ADVANTAGE TO US MISSION AS WELL AS NWC VISITORS. IF THIS VISIT ACCEPTABLE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ASSISTANCE IN DEVELOPING AND COORDINATING SUBSTANTIVE MEETINGS AND APPROPRIATE SOCIAL ASPECTS OF PROGRAM. NWC PARTY WOULD CONSIST OF 9 STUDENTS AND 2 FACULTY MEMBERS FOR WHOM BILLETING WOULD ALSO HAVE

TO BE ARRANGED. IN EVENT VISIT IS FEASIBLE, PLEASE PROVIDE NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PROJECT OFFICER SO THAT PERTINENT INFO CAN BE PROVIDED.

8. FOR KINSHASA AND ACCRA: DEPARTMENT AND NWC FULLY UNDERSTAND THAT POSTS WILL HAVE BEEN HEAVILY ENGAGED WITH SECRETARY'S VISIT IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO PROPOSED NWC VISITS AND THAT THIS MAY AFFECT THEIR ABILITY TO RESPOND AND ELICIT COOPERATION FROM HOST GOVERNMENTS AS WELL. ACCORDINGLY, DEPARTMENT AND NWC PREPARED TO ACCEPT YOUR BEST JUDGMENT RE ADVISABILITY OF VISITS THIS YEAR.

9. FOR MONROVIA: UNDER ITINERARY PROPOSED ABOVE, NWC GROUP WOULD BE IN LIBERIA FOR APPROXIMATELY 12 HOURS. ALTHOUGH THIS IS SHORT PERIOD, WOULD APPRECIATE ANY MODEST PROGRAM OR MINIMUM BRIEFING WHICH MIGHT BE ARRANGED FOR THEM DURING THIS LAYOVER.

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